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SUBJECT: U.S.-CHINA SECURITY DIALOGUE - MORNING SESSION

Classified by: Political Minister Counselor Aubrey Carlson. Reasons 1.4 (B) and (D).

1.(U) June 4, 2008; 9:00 a.m.; Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Beijing.

2.(S) INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY: Acting Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security John Rood headed an interagency delegation f
The Current International Security Environment and Contemporary Security Threats -----

3.(C) Assistant Foreign Minister He opened the Security Dialogue by commenting that "it is important for the United States and China, both grea
Regional Institutions and Security Alliances -----

4.(C) At present, AFM He said, security in the Asia-Pacific region is supported by multiple regional organizations such as the ASEAN Regional F

5.(C) Acting U/S Rood responded that U.S. alliances with South Korea and Japan also benefit China. For example, by allowing Japan to benefit fr
Northeast Asia Peace and Security Mechanism (NEAPSM) -----

6.(S) Regarding a Northeast Asia Peace and Security Mechanism (NEAPSM), National Security Council Senior Director for Counterproliferation Stra
Deterrence in the Modern Era -----

7.(C) Acting U/S Rood observed that the U.S. approach to deterrence has changed greatly since the end of the Cold War. The "who, what, and how"
Deterring Terrorism -----

8.(C) Acting U/S Rood noted that, despite prior thinking to the contrary, the United States is seeking to apply deterrence to the problem of tr
WMD Proliferators Will Be Held Accountable -----

9.(C) Referring to statements by National Security Advisor Stephen Hadley, Acting U/S Rood reaffirmed that the United States will hold accounta
China's Military Modernization -----

10.(C) PLA Navy Senior Captain Guan Yufei, Deputy Chief of the Foreign Affairs Office of the Ministry of National Defense (MND), noted U.S. int

11.(C) Senior Captain Guan offered five factors as drivers of China's military modernization efforts:

1) Taiwan independence: sovereignty is a core issue for China, and China's Anti-Secession Law stipulates that China's military must be prepared

2) Terrorism: a successful Olympics depends on preventing terrorist attacks;

3) Geography: China has many neighbors and faces many disputes over borders and natural resources;

4) Global military transformation: the United States is the leader in military modernization. As a developing country, China started its modern

5) Nontraditional threats: issues such as disaster relief and transnational crime also drive China's military modernization. Guan concluded by
China Increasing Military Transparency -----

12.(C) Senior Captain Guan said China recognizes that transparency is important to the United States. China is becoming more open-minded on tra
Transparency: The United States Could Be Better -----

13.(C) Despite the close dialogue and extensive military-to-military ties, the U.S. side has erected obstacles to further cooperation, Guan sai
Chinese Use of Force against Taiwan -----

14.(C) In response to a question about Chinese thinking on force options against Taiwan, Senior Captain Guan said that China's Anti-Secession I

15.(C) Responding to Acting U/S Rood's question on whether China has focused more on use of force against Taiwan in the last seven to ten years
United States Not Limited in Military Exchanges -----

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16.(C) OSD East Asian Security Affairs Principal Director John Hill responded to the question of restrictions on U.S.-China defense ties by say

[17.](#) (C) Senior Captain Guan said there are specific examples of how the U.S.-China military-to-military relationship has been negatively affec

[18.](#) (C) A/S Rood interjected that there may be a difference of perspectives over transparency, but the U.S. perception is that there is little

[19.](#) (C) Acting U/S Rood agreed with AFM He that the use of force over Taiwan would be a "lose-lose" situation. Rood made clear that U.S. arms
Blackhawk Parts -----

[20.](#) (C) AFM He agreed that the trend in U.S.-China military relations has been positive overall, with increased transparency and dialogue. As
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[21.](#) (C) Acting U/S Rood responded that the law restricting the sale of Blackhawk parts is different than the part of the NDAA discussed earlie
Strategic Security, Mutual Confidence -----

[22.](#) (C) MFA Department of North American and Oceanian Affairs Deputy Director General Deng Hongbo presented the Chinese view of strategic trus

[23.](#) (C) Acting U/S Rood expressed surprise that Taiwan was the focus of China's presentation on strategic security and mutual confidence. He s

[24.](#) (C) AFM He said that China does not plan to be a threat to the United States in Asia, Africa, or any other location. He asked for the same

[25.](#) (U) Participants: UNITED STATES John C. Rood, Acting Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security Daniel Piccuta, Charge d'